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H.B. No. 1334

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the election of the members of an appraisal review board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 6.41(b), (c), and (d), Tax Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The board consists of three members. However, the district board of directors by resolution of a majority of its members may increase the size of the appraisal review board to the number of members the board of directors considers appropriate. The members are elected by the voters of the county for which the district is established at the general election for state and county officers and serve two-year terms beginning on January 1 of odd-numbered years.

(c) To be eligible to serve on the board, an individual must be a resident of the county for which the appraisal district is established and must have resided in the county ~~[district]~~ for at least two years.

(d) ~~[Members of the board are appointed by resolution of a majority of the appraisal district board of directors.]~~ A vacancy on the board is filled by appointment by the commissioners court of the county for which the appraisal district is established ~~[in the same manner for the unexpired portion of the term]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 6.412(d), Tax Code, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 (d) A person is ineligible to serve on the appraisal review
3 board of an appraisal district established for a county having a
4 population of more than 100,000[+]

5 [~~(1)~~] if the person:

6 (1) [~~(A)~~ has served for all or part of three previous
7 terms as a board member or auxiliary board member on the appraisal
8 review board; or

9 [~~(B)~~] is a former member of the board of
10 directors, officer, or employee of the appraisal district; [~~or~~]

11 (2) [~~if the person~~] served as a member of the governing
12 body or officer of a taxing unit for which the appraisal district
13 appraises property, until the fourth anniversary of the date the
14 person ceased to be a member or officer; or

15 (3) [~~if the person~~] has ever appeared before the
16 appraisal review board for compensation.

17 SECTION 3. Section 6.413(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 (a) An individual is not eligible to be elected or appointed
20 to or to serve on the appraisal review board established for an
21 appraisal district if the individual or a business entity in which
22 the individual has a substantial interest is a party to a contract
23 with the appraisal district or with a taxing unit that participates
24 in the appraisal district.

25 SECTION 4. Section 52.092(d), Election Code, is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (d) District offices of the state government shall be listed

in the following order:

- (1) member, State Board of Education;
- (2) state senator;
- (3) state representative;
- (4) chief justice, court of appeals;
- (5) justice, court of appeals;
- (6) district judge;
- (7) criminal district judge;
- (8) family district judge;
- (9) district attorney;
- (10) criminal district attorney;
- (11) appraisal review board member.

SECTION 5. Section 172.024(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The filing fee for a candidate for nomination in the general primary election is as follows:

(1)	United States senator	\$5,000
(2)	office elected statewide, except United States senator	3,750
(3)	United States representative	3,125
(4)	state senator	1,250
(5)	state representative	750
(6)	member, State Board of Education	300
(7)	chief justice or justice, court of appeals, other than a justice specified by Subdivision (8)	1,875
(8)	chief justice or justice of a court of appeals that serves a court of appeals district in which a county with a	

1 population of more than 850,000 is wholly or partly situated 2,500
2 (9) district judge or judge specified by Section
3 52.092(d) for which this schedule does not otherwise prescribe a
4 fee 1,500
5 (10) district or criminal district judge of a court in
6 a judicial district wholly contained in a county with a population
7 of more than 850,000 2,500
8 (11) judge, statutory county court, other than a judge
9 specified by Subdivision (12) 1,500
10 (12) judge of a statutory county court in a county with
11 a population of more than 850,000 2,500
12 (13) district attorney, criminal district attorney,
13 or county attorney performing the duties of a district
14 attorney 1,250
15 (14) county commissioner, county clerk, sheriff,
16 county tax assessor-collector, county treasurer, or judge,
17 constitutional county court:
18 (A) county with a population of 200,000 or
19 more 1,250
20 (B) county with a population of under 200,000 750
21 (15) justice of the peace or constable:
22 (A) county with a population of 200,000 or
23 more 1,000
24 (B) county with a population of under 200,000 375
25 (16) county surveyor, inspector of hides and animals,
26 or public weigher 75
27 (17) office of the county government for which this

1 schedule does not otherwise prescribe a fee 750

2 (18) appraisal review board member:

3 (A) county with a population of 250,000 or
4 more 300

5 (B) county with a population of under 250,000 100

6 SECTION 6. Sections 6.41(e) and (f) and 6.412(e) and (f),
7 Tax Code, are repealed.

8 SECTION 7. (a) Appraisal review board members shall be
9 elected under Section 6.41, Tax Code, as amended by this Act,
10 beginning with the primary and general elections conducted in 2006.
11 Members then elected take office January 1, 2007.

12 (b) The change in the manner of selection of appraisal
13 review board members made by Section 6.41, Tax Code, as amended by
14 this Act, does not affect the selection of members who serve on the
15 board before January 1, 2007.

16 (c) The term of an appraisal review board member serving on
17 December 31, 2006, expires January 1, 2007.

18 SECTION 8. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this
19 section, this Act takes effect January 1, 2007.

20 (b) This section and Sections 4, 5, and 7 of this Act take
21 effect September 1, 2005.